

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Masatoshi KANAYA et al.**

Serial Number: **Not Yet Assigned**
(§ 371 of international application No. PCT/JP00/06095)

#6
9-5-02
DRS
PreN

Filed: **March 7, 2002**

For: **METHOD OF DETECTING AND REMOVING UNSTRIPPED RESIDUAL SHELL LEFT ON SHELLFISH, AND APPARATUS THEREFOR**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 7, 2002

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 as follows:

AT

1. (Amended) A method of detecting and removing a stripped shellfish carrying therewith unstripped residual shell, which is characterized by the steps of: irradiating a light of specific wave-range onto said stripped shellfish after finishing a shell-stripping work thereof to generate fluorescent light from said stripped shellfish, and determining if there is residual shell left on said stripped